

KILWINNING COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monthly meeting held on
Thursday 15th August 2013
Kilwinning Academy

Present - Community Council

Jim Watson(JW) – Chair
Stephanie Krus (SK) – Treasurer
Ted Somerville(TS)

Bill Taylor (BT) – Vice Chair
Janey Grier(JG) – Secretary
Jim Miller(JM)

Visiting

Councillor Robert Steel(RS)
Councillor Donald Reid(DR)

Councillor John Ferguson(JF)
Nairn McDonald

ACTION

1.0	<p><u>WELCOME</u> The meeting was opened with a welcome from JW</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u> May Burns; Colin Hedley; Andy Robb; Jim Kennedy</p> <p><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20th June 2013</u> Approved by SK, seconded by BT</p>	
2.0	<p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> No police present</p>	
3.0	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u></p>	
3.1	<p><u>Leaflets & Website</u> JW has had 2000 new leaflets printed for distribution around the town – KCC members were asked to help distribute these, particularly in areas of the town that have little or no representation on the Community Council. It is expected that the leaflets will be in use for 1 year. SK has been working on the new website, it is up and running, but some bits of it are still ‘under construction’. SK will also be working on a ‘facebook’ page. JG thanked both JW & SK for the amount of work that had gone into both of these items.</p>	
3.2	<p><u>Footpath at Dalry Road</u> DR explained there was little progress from NAC on this matter due to financial constraints. NAC is not keen to adopt the path, but a final decision has not yet been made. This matter is still a concern for KCC, especially as the winter approaches and school children are still using it. Ongoing</p>	
3.3	<p><u>Station Car Park</u> RS has followed up with Colin Kay and asked for a reassessment – requested a letter of support from SK specifying the best times of the day for this to be done i.e. when footfall from school children is at its highest. RS also commented on the issues of Claremont Crescent - West of Scotland Road Safety Group is producing a new leaflet and giving information to schools explaining that drivers have a responsibility when dropping off or picking up at school gates. JG commented on the new banners and signage that The Abbey Primary has produced. Ongoing</p>	SK

<p>3.4</p>	<p><u>Bus Shelter at Bridge End</u> In hands of SPT – they are reviewing issue of how close the bus shelter might be to a particular house. Ongoing</p>	
<p>3.5</p>	<p><u>Sun clock in McGavin Park</u> No update Noted that there has been no movement, as yet, on painting the park gates or the pillars.</p>	
<p>3.6</p>	<p><u>Community Survey re Unemployment</u> List still being updated Ongoing</p>	<p>JG</p>
<p>3.7</p>	<p><u>Main Street</u> Works on Main Street have been ongoing, as have Scottish Water works throughout the town. Main Street looking good. DR has been pressing to keep Main Street clean and tidied after the works – pressure cleaning has been carried out. JW commented that the disruption in the town, from the works by Scottish Water has not been as bad as expected. DR commented on the removal of the blue recycling bins from the Main Street. They were placed there for a trial period, and have proved popular and have helped with the litter problems in the street. Irvine Bay were not happy with the look of the bins and felt they were out of place, they asked for them to be removed, and they were. DR not happy with this response and keen to have them returned to the Main Street. JW agreed that bins don't look good on the street, but if they are serving their purpose and are beneficial they should be present. DR stated they had been removed after just 3 months – a trial period would normally be 6 months. NM stated that they had made a dramatic difference when first introduced in Kilwinning Academy. The presence of them in the school encouraged kids to also use them in the Main Street. JW stated it would be worthwhile to have them in the Main Street till the end of the trial – if still proving to be successful then perhaps something similar, but in better keeping with the Main Street could be considered. A discussion ensued in which all members agreed that the bins should be replaced, till at least the end of the trial period. Councillors will report this response to Area Committee.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>REVIEW of the Establishment of Community Councils in North Ayrshire</u> Agreed to hold an extra meeting to complete the questionnaire – date and time to be agreed - KCC members asked to read the questionnaire prior to meeting. Councillors also invited to attend.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> Cost of leaflets - £158 Domain name for website - £11.99 Account balance at end of July '13 - £633.30 including £199.80 in project fund. Accounts have gone to be audited at NAC.</p>	

<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Invitation received from Kilwinning Branch of The Royal British Legion to a meeting to discuss the forthcoming Remembrance Day Parade. JW had attended.</p> <p>Irvine Community Council minutes circulated.</p> <p>Notification received re open meetings about plans for Scotland's Seas – circulated.</p> <p>RS reported on missing post at St. Winnin's Road – this has now been replaced.</p> <p>Lady Glasgow's Lamp – issue is about where it could go, and finance for refurbishing it. Various suggestions as to where it could be sited. RS & DR feel that the people of Kilwinning do want it back either in the town or in Eglinton Park. Further engagement is needed with the people in the town.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p><u>VISITORS</u> Nothing</p>	
<p>8.0</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p>	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p>JG commented on recent information received re establishing Kilwinning as a Fairtrade Town.</p> <p>NM update on activities - has been invited to Marymass as a Youth Champion. Responding to Community Council Review as a member of the North Ayrshire Youth Council Executive Committee, and working to encourage youth to be active in community groups and organisations.</p> <p>JM offered to represent KCC at Remembrance Day Parade.</p> <p>DR updated KCC on the Dalry Bypass and suggested that this would be the ideal time to be looking at linking in with plans for Kilwinning – asked that KCC consider this at a future meeting. DR also unveiled plans to bring back a Firework display to Kilwinning, supported by community partners – all agreed it would be good to see this back in Kilwinning.</p>	
<p><u>DATE, TIME & VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Thursday 19th September 2013 – 7.15pm Kilwinning Academy, Dalry Road, Kilwinning.</p>		

Minutes compiled by JG